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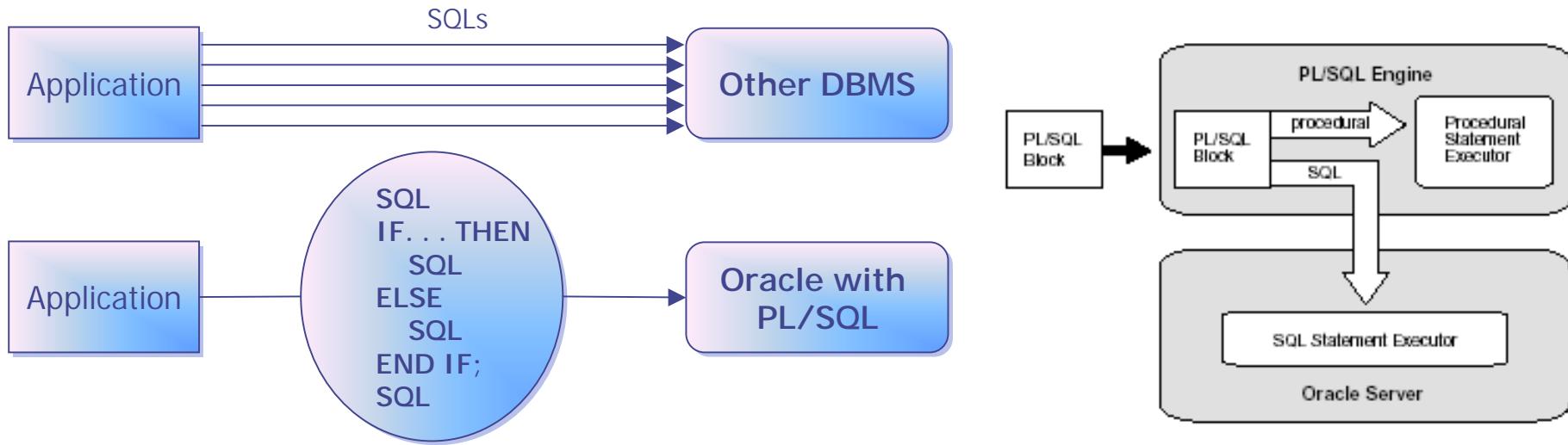
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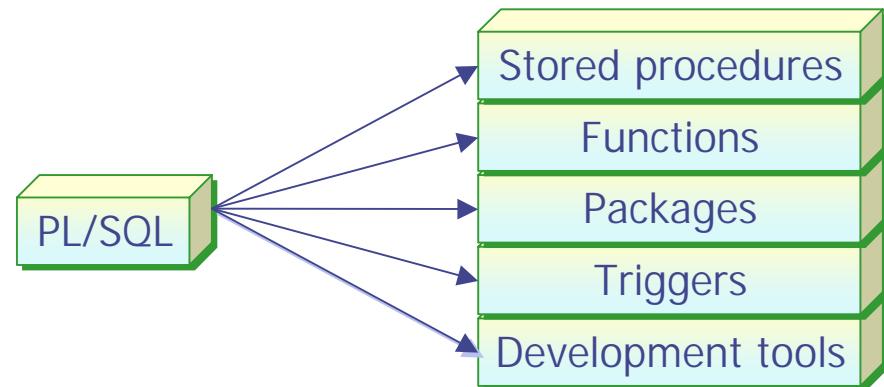
See also: [PL/SQL User's Guide and Reference](#)

# PL/SQL

- PL/SQL is an extension to SQL with design features of programming languages.
- Data manipulation and query statements of SQL are included within procedural units of code.



Procedural Language/SQL (PL/SQL) is Oracle Corporation's procedural language extension to SQL, the standard data access language for relational databases. PL/SQL offers modern software engineering features such as data encapsulation, exception handling, information hiding, and object orientation, and so brings state-of-the-art programming to the Oracle Server and Toolset.



# PL/SQL Block Structure

```

DECLARE
  o o o
BEGIN
  o o o
EXCEPTION
  o o o
END;
  
```

**DECLARE**

Variables, constants, cursors, user-defined exceptions referenced in the executable and declarative sections

- **BEGIN**
  - SQL statements
  - PL/SQL statements

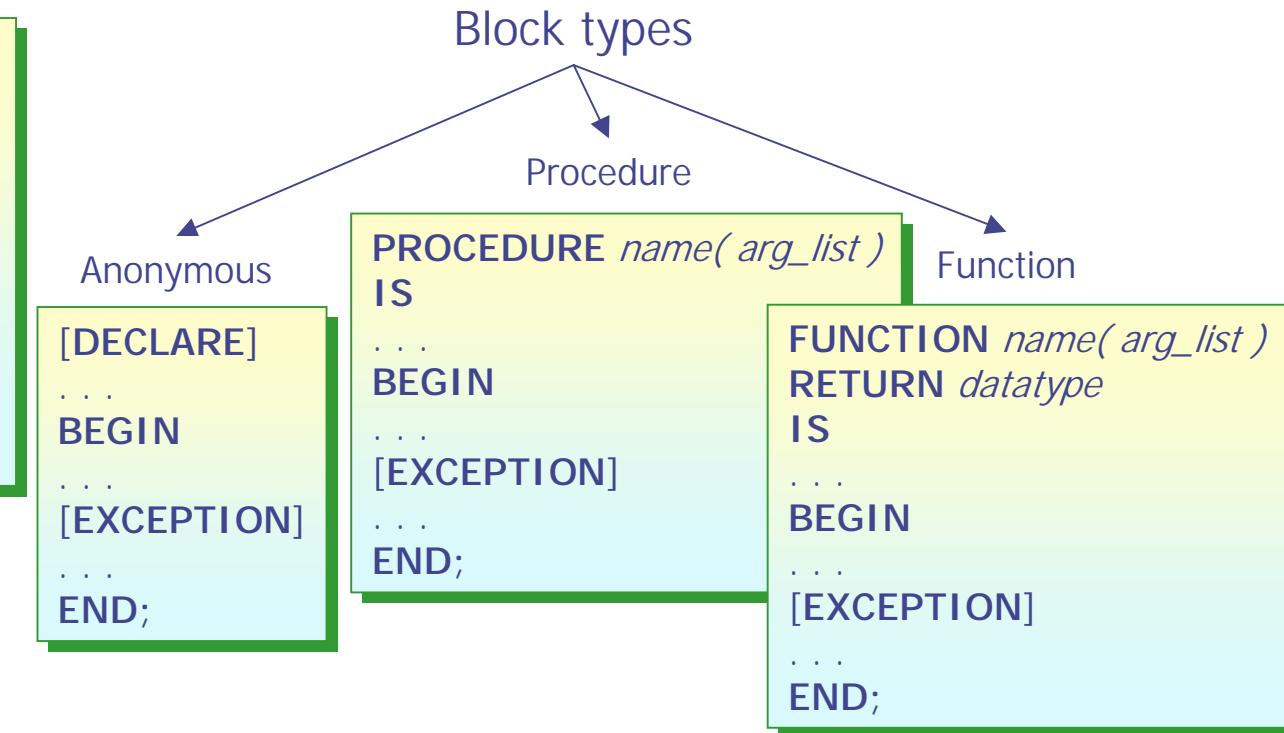
**EXCEPTION**

Actions to perform when errors and abnormal conditions occur in the executable section

- **END;**

```

DECLARE
  v_variable  VARCHAR2( 5 );
BEGIN
  SELECT column_name
    INTO v_variable
   FROM table_name;
EXCEPTION
  WHEN exception_name THEN
  ...
END;
  
```



# Declaring PL/SQL Variables

Syntax:

*identifier* [ CONSTANT ] *datatype* [ NOT NULL ] [ := | DEFAULT *expr* ];

Examples:

```
DECLARE
    v_hiredate DATE;
    v_deptno NUMBER (2) NOT NULL :=10;
    v_location VARCHAR2(13) := 'Atlanta';
    c_comm CONSTANT NUMBER :=1400;
```

## Base scalar datatypes

- VARCHAR2( max\_length )
- NUMBER[( p, s )]
- DATE
- CHAR[(length)]
- LONG
- BOOLEAN
- BINARY\_INTEGER
- PLS\_INTEGER

In the syntax:

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <i>identifier</i> | is the name of the variable ( should not have the same name as name of table columns used in the block )            |
| CONSTANT          | constrains the variable so that its value cannot change ( Constants must be initialized ).                          |
| <i>datatype</i>   | is a <b>scalar, composite, reference or LOB data type</b>   |
| NOT NULL          | constrains the variable so that it must contain a value ( NOT NULL variables must be initialized).                  |
| <i>expr</i>       | is any PL/SQL expression that can be a literal, another variable or an expression involving operators and functions |

v_job	VARCHAR2(9);	c_tax_rate	CONSTANT NUMBER( 3, 2 ) := 8.25;
v_count	BINARY_INTEGER := 0;	v_valid	BOOLEAN NOT NULL := TRUE;
v_total_sal	NUMBER( 9, 2 ) := 0;	v_ename	emp.ename%TYPE;
v_orderdate	DATE := SYSDATE + 7;	v_balance	v_total_sal%TYPE;

# PL/SQL Variables

Assignment: *identifier := expr;*

Where *expr ::= { constant / variable / function call / expression } , but not a database column !*

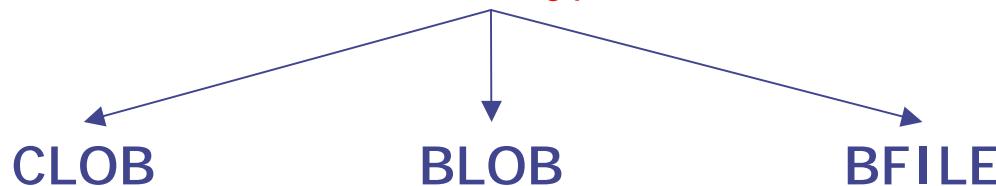


## PL/SQL TABLE

1	SMITH
2	JONES
3	NANCY
4	TIM

↑                           ↑  
 BINARY\_INTEGER           VARCHAR2

## LOB datatypes



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## The %TYPE prefix

- *tbl.column %TYPE*
- *previously\_declared\_var %TYPE*

### DECLARE

```

v_sum NUMBER( 9, 2 );
v_id emp.empno%TYPE;
v_total v.sum%TYPE;
  
```

BEGIN

...

# Comments

- Single-line comments
- Multi-line comments

```
a := 0; -- this is a comment
/* All this text
   is comments */
```

## SQL Function in PL/SQL

➤ Available in procedural statements:

- Single-row string
- Single-row number
- Datatype conversion
- Date



Same as in SQL

➤ Not available in procedural statements:

- DECODE
- Group function

```
DECLARE
  v_hour    NUMBER(2);          -- for number of hours
  v_min     NUMBER(2);          -- for number of minutes
  v_SysD    DATE;              -- for system date
  v_res     VARCHAR2(16);       -- for result
BEGIN
  SELECT SYSDATE INTO v_SysD FROM DUAL;           -- read system date
  v_hour := TO_NUMBER( TO_CHAR( v_SysD, 'HH' ) );  -- calculate number of hours
  v_min := TO_NUMBER( TO_CHAR( v_SysD, 'MI' ) );  -- calculate number of minutes
  v_res := TRIM(TO_CHAR( v_hour, '00' )) || ':' ||
            TRIM(TO_CHAR( v_min, '00' )) ||
            ' ' || TO_CHAR( v_SysD, 'AM' );           -- compose result
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( v_res );
END;
```

# Nested Blocks

```
v_x NUMBER(5, 2);
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
DECLARE
```

```
    v_x VARCHAR2( 20 );
```

```
    v_y DATE;
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
END;
```

```
END;
```

- Statements can be nested wherever an executable statement is allowed
- A nested block becomes a statement
- An exception section can contain nested blocks
- A block can look up to the enclosing block
- A block cannot look down to enclosed blocks

```
DECLARE
    v_sal      NUMBER(7, 2) := 60000;
    v_comm     NUMBER(7, 2) := V_SAL * 0.20;
    v_msg      VARCHAR2(255) := ' eligible for commission';
BEGIN . . .
DECLARE
    v_sal      NUMBER(7, 2) := 50000;
    v_comm     NUMBER(7, 2) := 0;
    v_total    NUMBER(8, 2) := v_sal + v_comm;
BEGIN . . .
    v_msg := ' CLERK is not' || v_msg;
END;
v_msg := ' SALESMAN is' || v_msg;
END;
```

# Logical flow control statement

**IF** *condition* **THEN**

*statements* ;

[ **ELSIF** *condition* **THEN**

*statements* ; ]

[ **ELSE**

*statements* ; ]

**END IF;**

*condition*

{ **TRUE** | **FALSE** | **NULL** }

**SET SERVEROUTPUT ON** -- SQL \*Plus command

**DECLARE**

    v\_cnt NUMBER(5);

    v\_tot v\_cnt%TYPE;

**BEGIN**

    SELECT COUNT( comm ), COUNT( \* )

        INTO v\_cnt, v\_tot **FROM** emp;

**IF** v\_cnt = 0 **THEN**

        DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE( 'Nobody' );

**ELSIF** v\_cnt = 1 **THEN**

        DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE( 'Only one' );

**ELSIF** v\_cnt > 1 **AND** v\_cnt <= v\_tot / 2 **THEN**

        DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE( 'Less than half' );

**ELSIF** v\_cnt > v\_tot / 2 **AND** v\_cnt < v\_tot **THEN**

        DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE( 'More than half' );

**ELSE**

        DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE( 'Everybody' );

**END IF;**

**END;**

# Loop statements

Basic loop

```
LOOP
  statement1 ;
  ...
  EXIT [ WHEN condition ]
END LOOP ;
```

FOR loop

```
FOR counter IN [ REVERSE ]
  Lbound .. Ubound LOOP
    statement1 ;
    statement2 ;
    ...
  END LOOP ;
```

WHILE loop

```
WHILE condition LOOP
  statement1 ;
  statement2 ;
  ...
END LOOP;
```

Cursor FOR loop

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```
DECLARE
  v_counter NUMBER(2) := 1;
BEGIN
  LOOP
    INSERT INTO item( order_id, item_id )
    VALUES( 622, v_counter );
    v_counter := v_counter + 1;
    EXIT WHEN v_counter > 10;
  END LOOP;
END;

-----
```

```
BEGIN
  FOR i IN 1..10 LOOP
    INSERT INTO item( order_id, item_id )
    VALUES( 622, i );
  END LOOP;
END;
```

```
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```

```
DECLARE
  v_counter NUMBER(2) := 1;
BEGIN
  WHILE v_counter <= 10 LOOP
    INSERT INTO item( order_id, item_id )
    VALUES ( 622, v_counter );
    v_counter := v_counter + 1;
  END LOOP;
END;
```

# SQL statements in PL/SQL

```
SELECT select_list
INTO { variable_name [, variable_name]...
      | record_name }
FROM table
WHERE condition
```

Query **MUST** return one and Only one row !

```
DECLARE
  v_deptno    NUMBER(2);
  v_loc       VARCHAR2(15);
BEGIN
  SELECT deptno, loc
  INTO v_deptno, v_loc
  FROM dept
  WHERE dname = 'SALES'
  . . .
END;
```

```
DECLARE
  v_sal_increase emp.sal%TYPE := 1000;
  v_new_empno   emp.empno%TYPE;
  v_empty_dept  dept.deptno%TYPE := 40;
BEGIN
  UPDATE EMP SET SAL = SAL + v_sal_increase
  WHERE JOB = 'ANALYST';

  SELECT NVL( MAX( EMPNO ) ) + 1 INTO v_new_empno
  FROM EMP;

  INSERT INTO EMP( EMPNO, ENAME, JOB, SAL, DEPTNO )
  VALUES( v_new_empno, 'ELLIS', 'CLERK', 1100, 20 );

  DELETE FROM DEPT
  WHERE DEPTNO = v_empty_dept;
END;
```

# Sequences

```
CREATE SEQUENCE seq_name
[ INCREMENT BY integer ]
[ START WITH integer ]
[ MAXVALUE integer | NOMAXVALUE ]
[ MINVALUE integer | NOMINVALUE ]
[ CYCLE | NOCYCLE ]
[ CACHE | NOCACHE ];
```

```
ALTER SEQUENCE seq_name
[ INCREMENT BY integer ]
[ MAXVALUE integer | NOMAXVALUE ]
[ MINVALUE integer | NOMINVALUE ]
[ CYCLE | NOCYCLE ]
[ CACHE | NOCACHE ];
```

```
DROP SEQUENCE seq_name;
```

**NEXTVAL**

Returns the next available sequence value



**CURRVAL**

Obtainss the current sequence value

- Automatically generates unique numbers
- Is shared object
- Is typically used to create primary key value
- Replaces application code
- Speeds up the efficiency of accessing sequence values when cashed in memory



# Sequences ( cont. )

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM DEPT;
```

DEPTNO	DNAME	LOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON

```
SQL> INSERT INTO DEPT VALUES( DEPT_SEQ.NEXTVAL, ' SOFTWARE' , ' HUSTON' );
```

1 row created.

```
SQL> INSERT INTO DEPT VALUES( DEPT_SEQ.NEXTVAL, ' HARDWARE' , ' CHICAGO' );
```

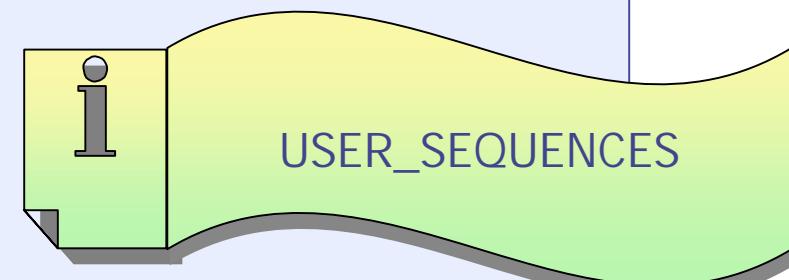
1 row created.

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM DEPT;
```

DEPTNO	DNAME	LOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON
50	SOFTWARE	SACRAMENTO
60	HARDWARE	CHICAGO

```
SQL> CREATE SEQUENCE DEPT_SEQ
  2  INCREMENT BY 10
  3  START WITH 50
  4  MINVALUE 10
  5  MAXVALUE 99;
```

Sequence created.



# Triggers

A trigger defines an action the database should take when some of database-related events occurs

```
CREATE [ OR REPLACE ] TRIGGER trig_name
{ BEFORE | AFTER | INSTEAD OF }
{ DELETE | INSERT | UPDATE [ OF column [, column] . . . ] }
[ OR { DELETE | INSERT | UPDATE [ OF column [, column] . . . ] } ] . .
ON { tab_name | view_name }
[ REFERENCING { OLD old | NEW new } ]
[ FOR EACH ROW ]
[ WHEN ( conditions ) ]
plsql_block
```

```
ALTER TRIGGER trig_name { ENABLE | DISABLE | COMPILE [ DEBUGG ] }
```

```
ALTER TABLE tab_name
{ ENABLE | DISABLE } ALL TRIGGERS
```

```
DROP TRIGGER trig_name
```

# Using trigger for primary key generation

```
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER tri g_new_emp
  2  BEFORE I NSERT ON DEPT
  3  FOR EACH ROW
  4  DECLARE
  5      v_dno NUMBER(2);
  6  BEGIN
  7      SELECT dept_seq. NEXTVAL
  8          I NTO v_dno FROM dual ;
  9      : NEW. DEPTNO := v_dno;
10  END;
11 /
```

Trigger created.

```
SQL> I NSERT I NTO DEPT( DNAME, LOC )
  2  VALUES( ' SOFTWARE', ' SACRAMENTO' );
```

1 row created.

```
SQL> I NSERT I NTO DEPT( DNAME, LOC )
  2  VALUES( ' HARDWARE', ' CHI CAGO' );
```

1 row created.

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM DEPT;
```

DEPTNO	DNAME	LOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM DEPT;
```

DEPTNO	DNAME	LOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON
50	SOFTWARE	SACRAMENTO
60	HARDWARE	CHICAGO

# Using trigger for monitoring

```
SQL> CONNECT system/manager
```

Connected.

```
SQL> DROP TABLE secret1;
```

Table dropped.

```
SQL> CREATE TABLE secret1
```

```
2 (
3     vdate DATE,
4     empno NUMBER(4),
5     old_sal NUMBER(7, 2),
6     new_sal NUMBER(8, 2),
7     user_id NUMBER(5)
8 );
```

Table created.

```
SQL> GRANT INSERT ON secret1
```

```
2 TO scott;
```

Grant succeeded.

1

```
SQL> CONNECT scott/tiger
```

Connected.

```
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER sal_secret1
2 AFTER UPDATE OF sal
3 ON emp
4 FOR EACH ROW
5 WHEN ( NEW.sal / OLD.sal > 1.1 )
6 BEGIN
7     INSERT INTO system.secret1
8     VALUES( SYSDATE, :OLD.empno,
9             :OLD.sal, :NEW.sal, UID );
10    END;
11    /
```

Trigger created.

```
SQL> UPDATE emp
```

```
2 SET sal = sal + 200;
```

14 rows updated.

```
SQL> COMMIT;
```

Commit complete.

2

# Using trigger for monitoring ( cont. )

SQL> CONNECT system/manager

Connected.

SQL> SELECT \* FROM secret1;

VDATE	EMPNO	OLD_SAL	NEW_SAL	USER_ID
16-MAY-03	7369	800	1000	32
16-MAY-03	7499	1600	1800	32
16-MAY-03	7521	1250	1450	32
16-MAY-03	7654	1250	1450	32
16-MAY-03	7844	1500	1700	32
16-MAY-03	7876	1100	1300	32
16-MAY-03	7900	950	1150	32
16-MAY-03	7934	1300	1500	32

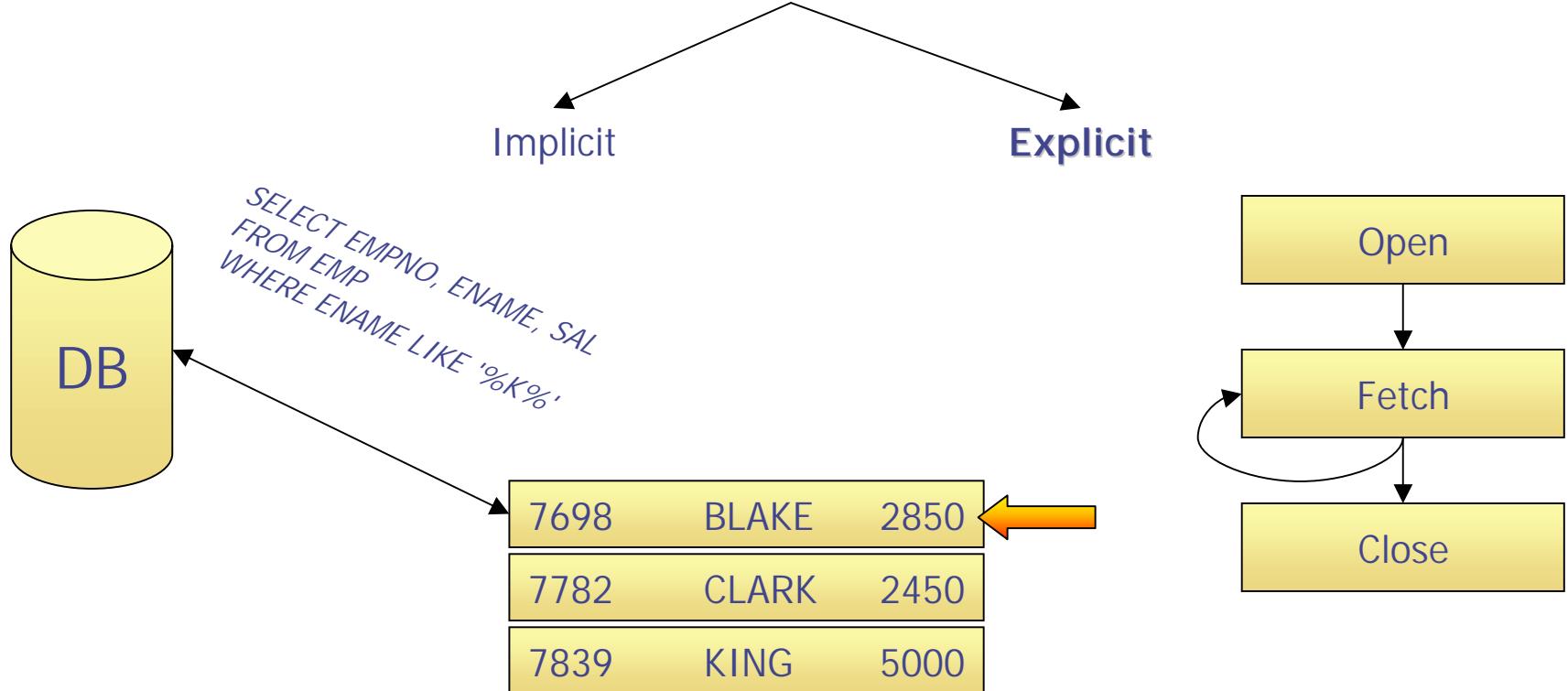
8 rows selected.

SQL> SELECT EMPNO, ENAME, SAL  
2 FROM SCOTT.EMP;

EMPNO	ENAME	SAL
7369	SMITH	1000
7499	ALLEN	1800
7521	WARD	1450
7566	JONES	3175
7654	MARTIN	1450
7698	BLAKE	3050
7782	CLARK	2650
7788	SCOTT	3200
7839	KING	5200
7844	TURNER	1700
7876	ADAMS	1300
7900	JAMES	1150
7902	FORD	3200
7934	MILLER	4000

14 rows selected.

# Cursors



## Declaring

```
CURSOR cursor_name [ ( parameter [ , parameter . . . ] ) ]  
[ RETURN return specification ]  
IS  
select_statement
```

# Cursors ( cont. )

Opening

```
OPEN cursor_name [ ( argument[ , argument . . . ] ) ];
```

Fetching

```
FETCH cursor_name INTO record_or_variable_list ;
```

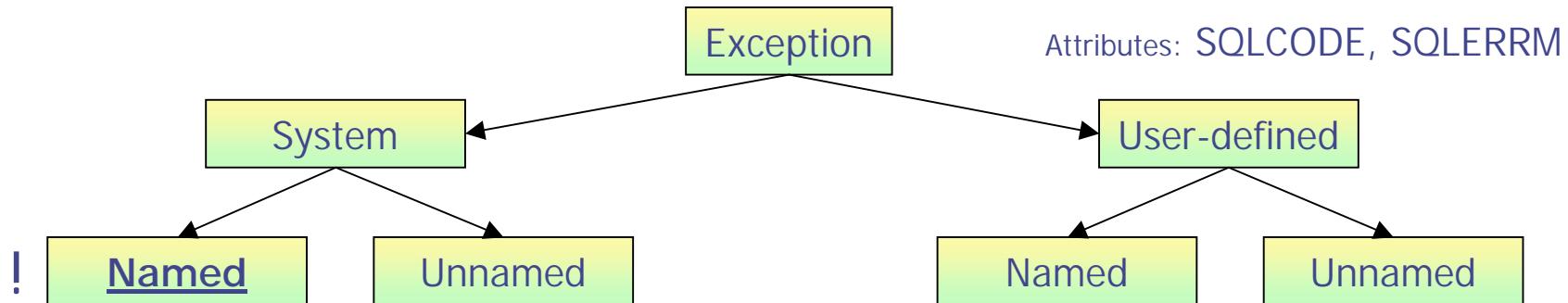
Closing

```
CLOSE cursor_name;
```

## Cursor Attributes

Name	Description
%FOUND	Returns <b>True</b> if record was fetched successfully
%NOTFOUND	Returns <b>True</b> if record was not fetched successfully
%ROWCOUNT	Returns <b>number of records</b> fetched from cursor at that time
%ISOPEN	Returns <b>TRUE</b> if cursor is open, FALSE otherwise

# Exception Handling



Name of exception	SQLCODE	Description
CURSOR_ALREADY_OPEN	-6511	Attempt to open cursor that has already been opened
DUP_VAL_ON_INDEX	-1	INSERT or UPDATE statement attempts to store duplicate value in column restricted by a unique index
INVALID_CURSOR	-1001	Attempt to FETCH from or CLOSE a cursor that has not been opened yet
INVALID_NUMBER	-1722	Unsuccessful conversion a character string to a number ( TO_NUMBER )
NO_DATA_FOUND	100	A SELECT INTO statement returns no rows ( ORA-01403 )
TOO_MANY_ROWS	-1422	A SELECT INTO statement returns more than one row
ZERO_DIVIDE	-1476	Attempt to divide by zero

LOGIN_DENIED	-1017	PROGRAMM_ERROR	-6501
NOT_LOGGED_ON	-1012	STORAGE_ERROR	-6500
TIMEOUT_ON_RESOURCE	-51	VALUE_ERROR	-6502
TRANSACTION_BACKED_OUT	-61		

```
SQL> SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
SQL> DECLARE
  2      v_Num NUMBER(4) := 7499;
  3      v_Name VARCHAR2(20);
  4  BEGIN
  5      SELECT EName INTO v_Name
  6      FROM Emp
  7      WHERE EmpNo = v_Num;
  8      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( 'The worker ' || v_Num || ' is ' || v_Name );
  9  END;
 10 /
The worker 7499 is ALLEN

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed
```

```
SQL> SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
SQL> DECLARE
  2      v_Num NUMBER(4) := 7498;
  3      v_Name VARCHAR2(20);
  4  BEGIN
  5      SELECT EName INTO v_Name
  6      FROM Emp
  7      WHERE EmpNo = v_Num;
  8      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( 'The worker ' || v_Num || ' is ' || v_Name );
  9  END;
 10 /
ORA-01403: no data found
ORA-06512: at line 5
```

```

SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE
  2 PROCEDURE PrName( p_Num NUMBER )
  3 IS
  4   v_Name VARCHAR2(20);
  5 BEGIN
  6   SELECT EName INTO v_Name
  7   FROM Emp
  8   WHERE EmpNo = p_Num;
  9   DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( 'The worker ' || p_Num || ' is ' || v_Name );
10 EXCEPTION
11   WHEN NO_DATA_FOUND THEN
12     DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( 'There is no worker ' || p_Num );
13   WHEN OTHERS THEN
14     DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( 'Error: ' || SQLCODE || '(' || SQLERRM || ')' );
15 END;
16 /

```

Procedure created

```

SQL> EXECUTE PrName( 7499 );
The worker 7499 is ALLEN

```

```

SQL> EXECUTE PrName( 7498 );
There is no worker 7498

```

```

SQL> EXECUTE PrName( 7499 );
Error: -1476 (ORA-01476: divisor is equal to zero)

```

```

SQL> EXECUTE PrName( 7498 );
There is no worker 7498

```

```
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE
  2  PROCEDURE PrNumber( p_Name VARCHAR2 )
  3  IS
  4      v_Num NUMBER(4);
  5      v_Name VARCHAR2(20);
  6  BEGIN
  7      SELECT EmpNo, EName INTO v_Num, v_Name FROM emp
  8      WHERE UPPER( EName ) LIKE UPPER( p_Name );
  9      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( 'The worker ' || v_Name || ' has number ' || v_Num );
 10  EXCEPTION
 11      WHEN NO_DATA_FOUND THEN
 12          DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( 'There is no worker ' || p_Name );
 13      WHEN TOO_MANY_ROWS THEN
 14          DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( 'There is more than one worker matching to '
 15                                || p_Name );
 16  END;
 17 /
```

Procedure created

```
SQL> EXECUTE PrNumber( ' ALLEN' );
The worker ALLEN has number 7499
```

```
SQL> EXECUTE PrNumber( ' M%' );
There is more than one worker matching to M%
```

```
SQL> EXECUTE PrNumber( ' ELI' );
There is no worker ELI
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE
PROCEDURE PrNumberM( p_Name VARCHAR2 )
IS
    v_Num NUMBER(4);
    v_Name VARCHAR2(20);
    CURSOR c1
    IS
        SELECT EmpNo, EName FROM Emp
        WHERE UPPER( EName ) LIKE UPPER( p_Name );
BEGIN
    OPEN c1;
    LOOP
        FETCH c1 INTO v_Num, v_Name;
        EXIT WHEN c1%NOTFOUND;
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( 'The worker ' || v_Name || ' has number ' || v_Num );
    END LOOP;
    IF c1%ROWCOUNT = 0 THEN
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( 'There is no worker ' || p_Name );
    END IF;
END;
/
```

Procedure created

```
SQL> EXECUTE PrNumberM( 'ALLEN' );
The worker ALLEN has number 7499
```

```
SQL> EXECUTE PrNumberM( 'M%' );
The worker MARTIN has number 7654
The worker MILLER has number 7934
```

```
SQL> EXECUTE PrNumber( 'ELI' );
There is no worker ELI
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE
PROCEDURE DEPT_DEL(p_deptno IN NUMBER)
IS
BEGIN
  DELETE FROM dept
  WHERE deptno = p_deptno;
EXCEPTION
  WHEN OTHERS THEN
    IF SQLCODE = -2292 THEN /* integrity constraint violated - child record found */
      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( 'It is impossible to delete this department ' ||
                            'because of integrity violation' );
    ELSE
      RAISE;
    END IF;
END DEPT_DEL;
```

Procedure created

```
SQL> EXECUTE DEPT_DEL( 10 );
It is impossible to delete this department because of integrity violation
```

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